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WITH THE

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CORRECTLY LAID DOWN.

THE SHADED TRACTS SHOW THE LANDS OF THE COMPANY.
THE CROSS SHADES SHOW LANDS SOLD UP TO APRIL 1, 1857.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD DEPOT, CORNER OF SOUTH WATER
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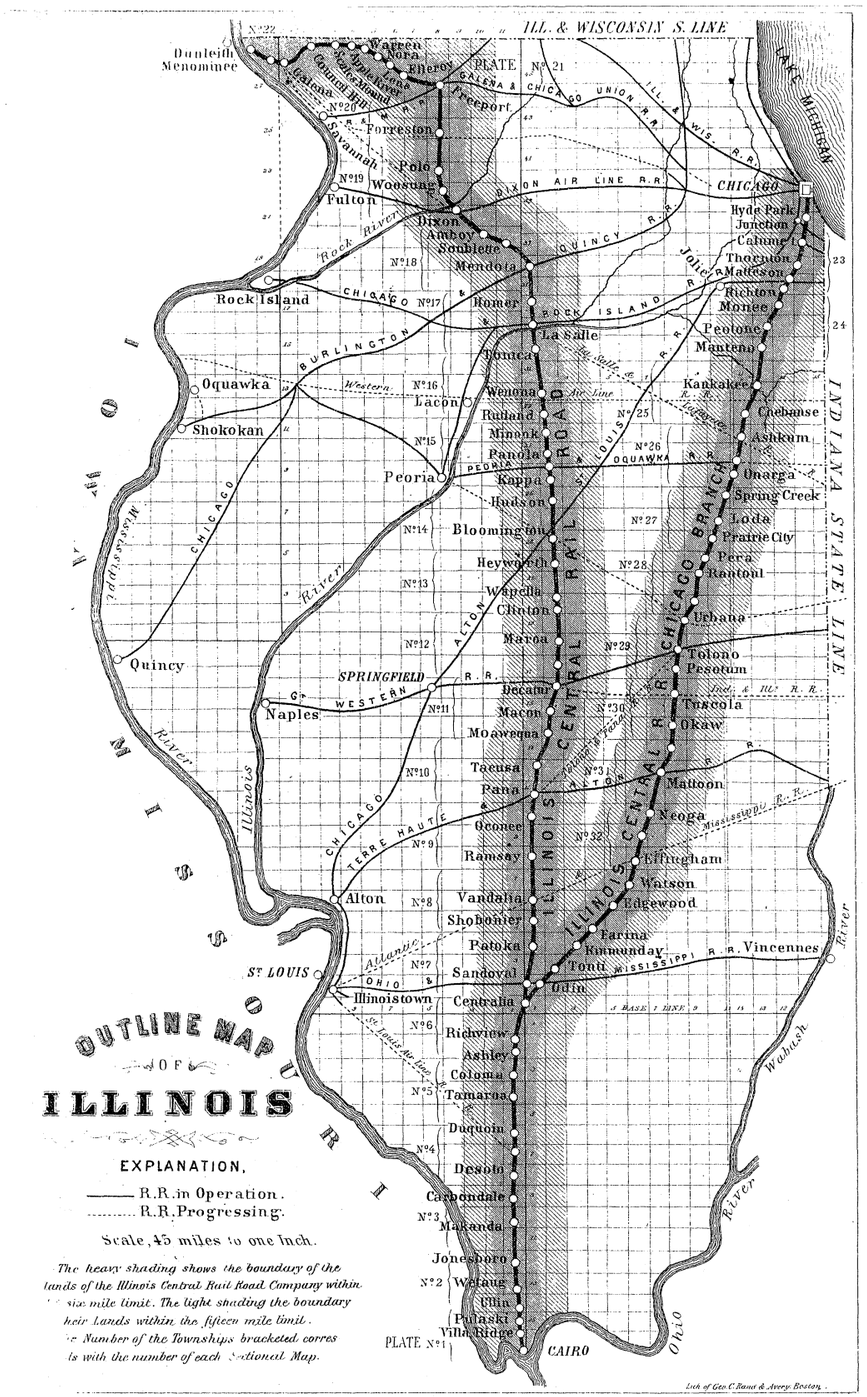

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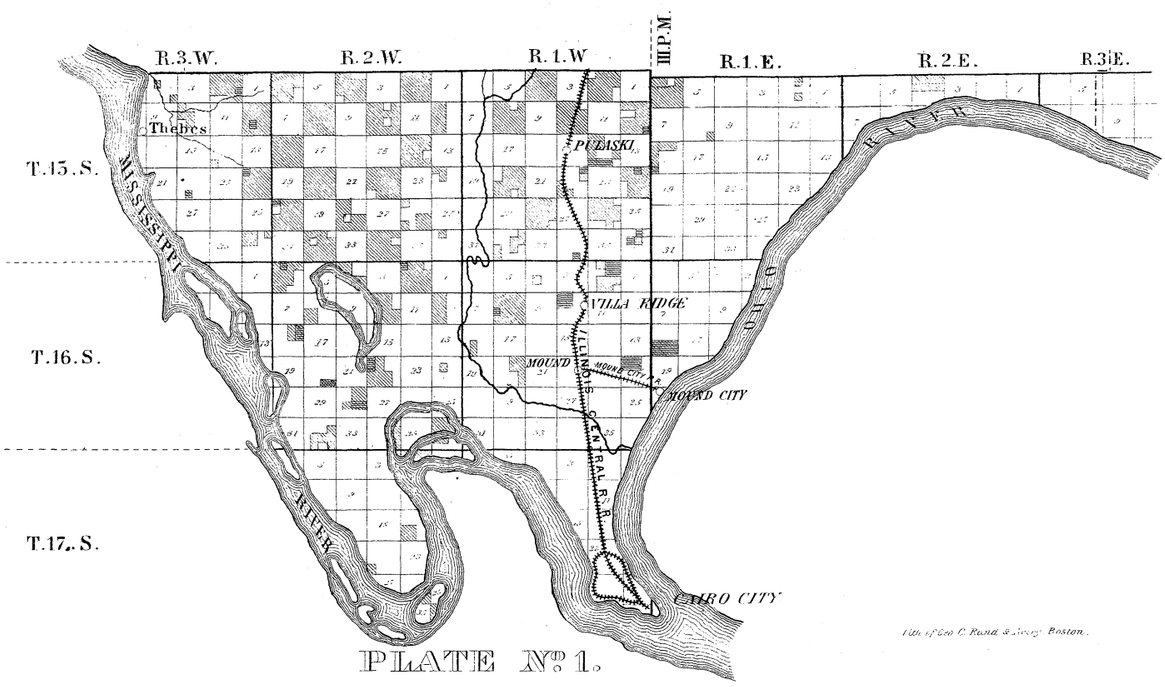
CAIRO CITY. At the Junction of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers Terminus of the Road. Rapidly improving. From ten to twenty Steamboats constantly running or discharging freights Country back heavily timbered with Poplar Oak, Cotton Wood, Gum, Elm, Cypress &c. &c. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. Those cross-shaded have been sold by the Company up to April 1st 1857.



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Lith. of Geo. C. Rand & Avery, Boston.

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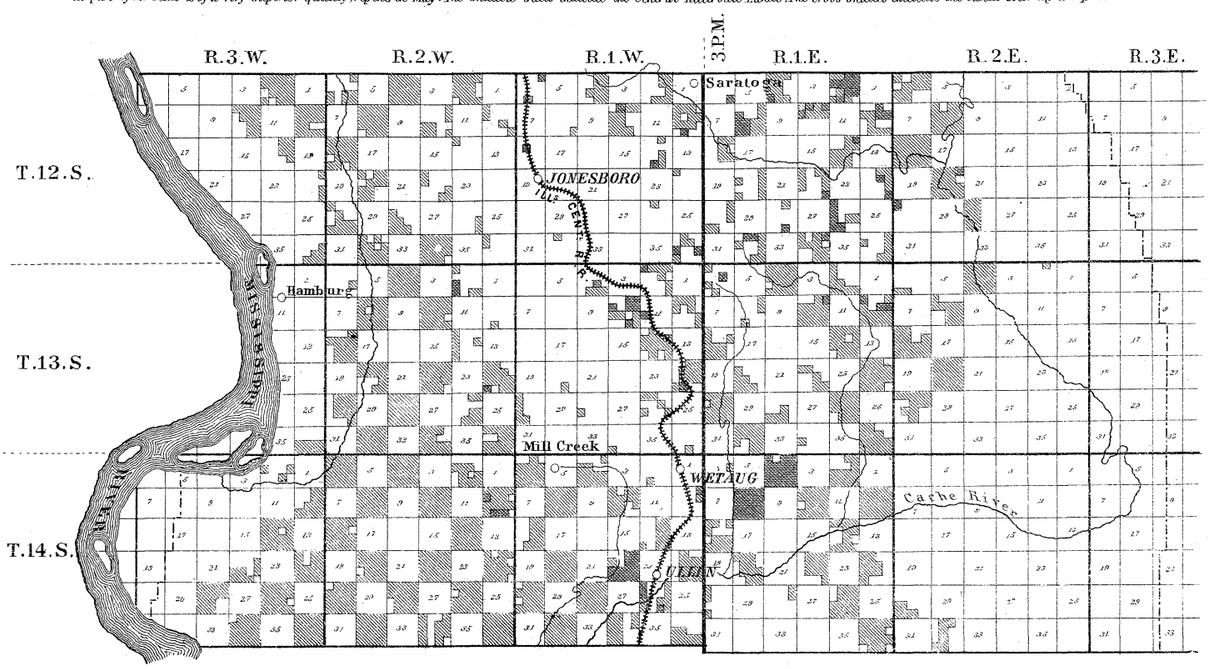
JONESBORO. County seat, population 1200. High rolling land from Ulin north to Jonesboro, heavily timbered with Beech and Down Wood interspersed with well improved farms. Wheat growing in this part of the State is of a very superior quality, ripens in May. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to April 1st 1857.



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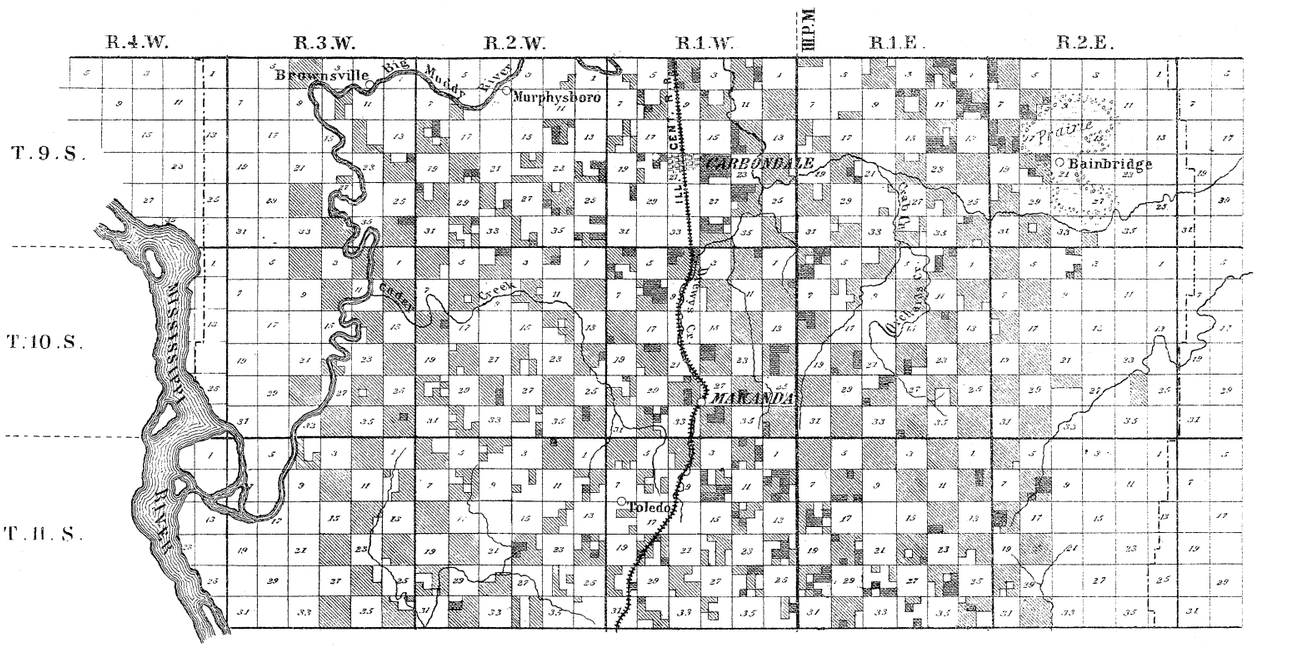
CARBONDALE, MURPHYSBOROUGH, BAINBRIDGE, MAKANDA, TOLEDO. A fine timbered country covered with Gum, Poplar, Sugar Tree, Mulberry, Oak and Ash. The coal found at Duquoin, Desoto, and Murphys borough, is supposed to underlay this region. Watered by the Big Muddy River, Drews Creek and branches. The shaded tracts indicate the Illinois Central Rail Road Lands. The cross-shades indicate the lands sold up to April 1st 1857.



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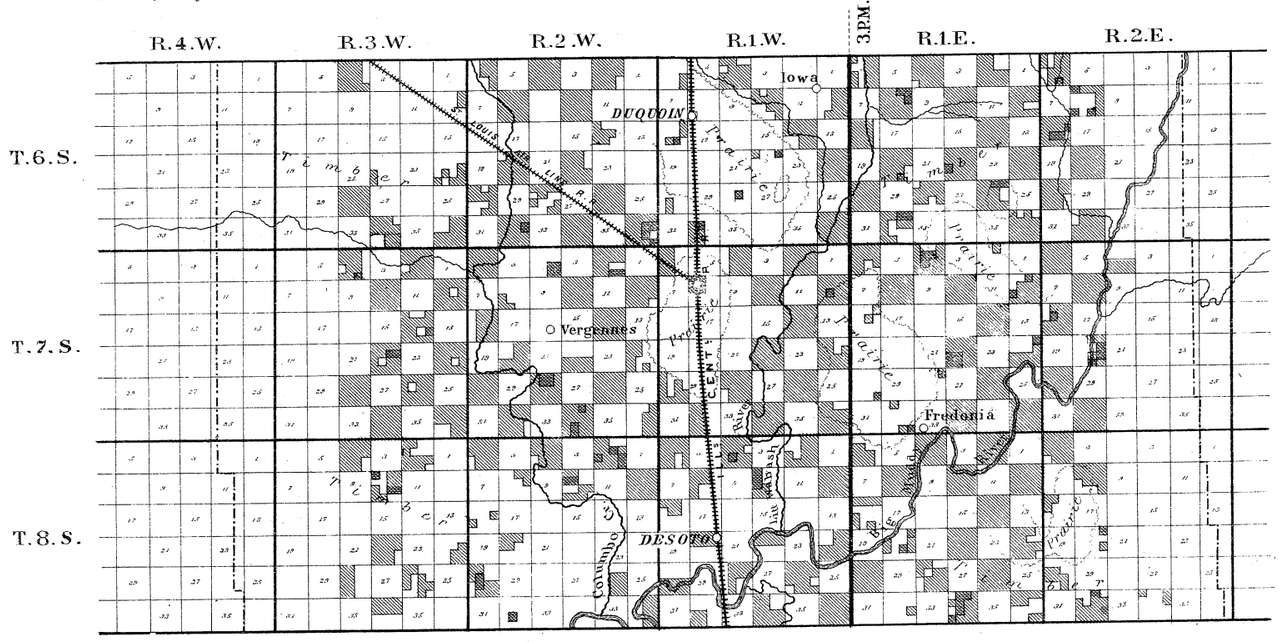
DUQUOIN. VERGENNES. DESOTO. The centre of the Coal region. At Duquoin it is mined thirty feet from the surface. Fine open prairie interspersed with Walnut, Oak, Sugar trees &c. &c. Excellent farming lands. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to April 1st 1857.



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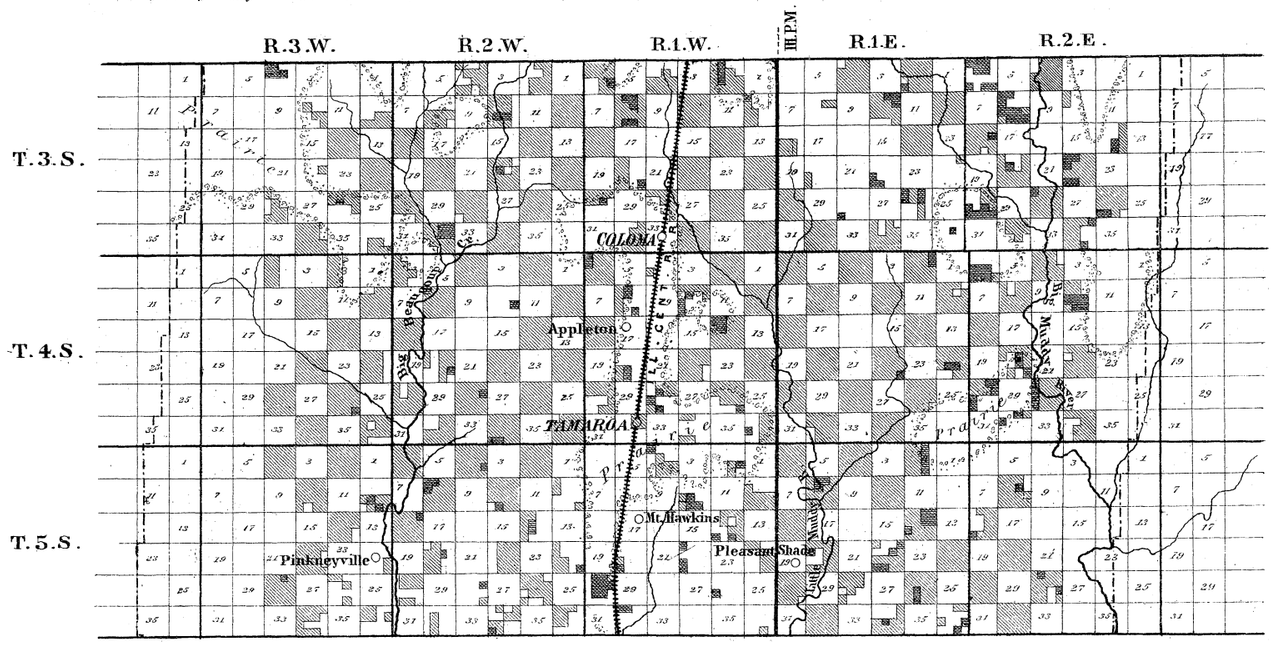
COLOMA, TAMAROA. Northern terminus of the coal field. About an equal quantity of timber and prairie. Mt. Hawkins a short distance from the railroad. Country well adapted to cultivation; watered by the Big Muddy River and branches. The shaded tracts indicate the Illinois Central Railroad lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to April 1st 1857.



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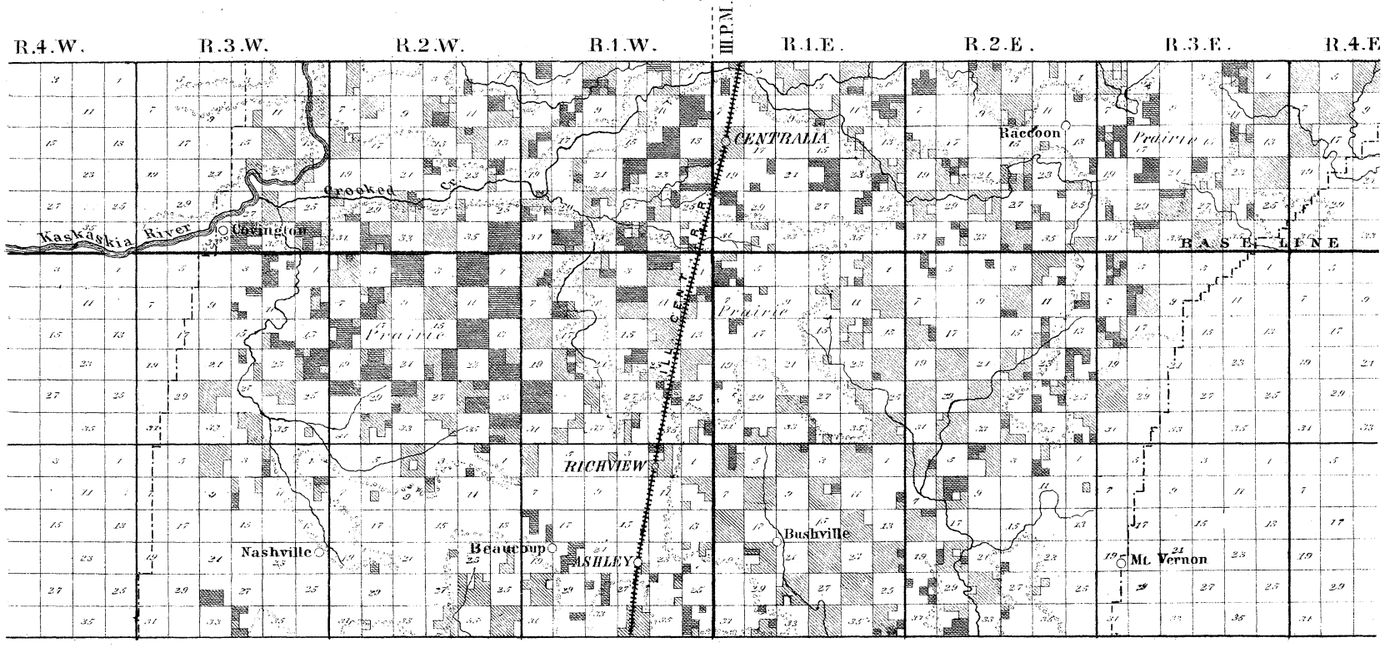
CENTRALIA, RICHVIEW and ASHLEY STATIONS. Centralia destined to be a large town; the Company's work shops are located here. The country is gently rolling prairie; well watered by many streams. Nashvill and Mt. Vernon on the edge of the 15 mile limit. Richmond, a town of about 500 inhabitants. Prairie more rolling and interspersed with fine groves of Oak, Ash &c. as you proceed north. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the Lands sold up to April 1st 1857.



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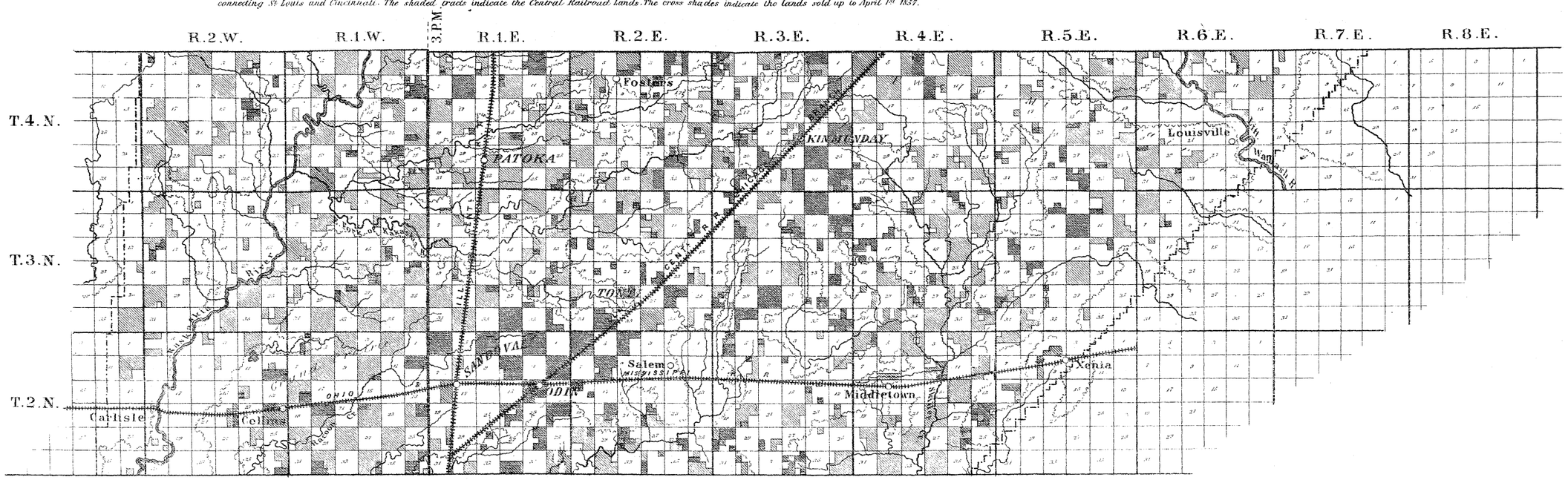
PATOKA, SANDOVAL, SALEM, LOUISVILLE, CARLISLE, ODIN, TONTI, KINMUNDAY. Country well watered and interspersed with fine open prairie and groves of timber. Sandoval the junction of the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad with the Illinois Central Railroad, connecting St Louis and Cincinnati. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to April 1st 1857.



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SHOBONIER, VANDALIA, FARINA, EDGEWOOD, WATSON. The branch and main line of the Railroad. Well timbered with Oak, Hickory &c. interspersed with almost the same quantity of prairie. The country is well watered. Climate exceedingly mild. Winters short Cattle thrive on the prairie for nine or ten months in the year. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to April 1st 1857.

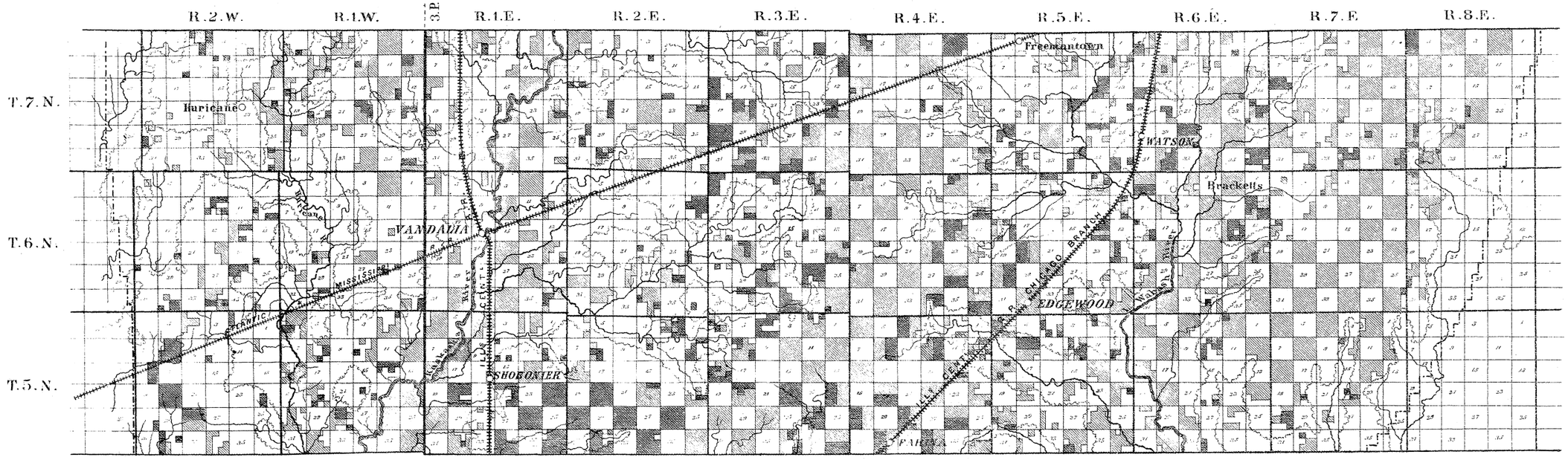

PLATE XVI.

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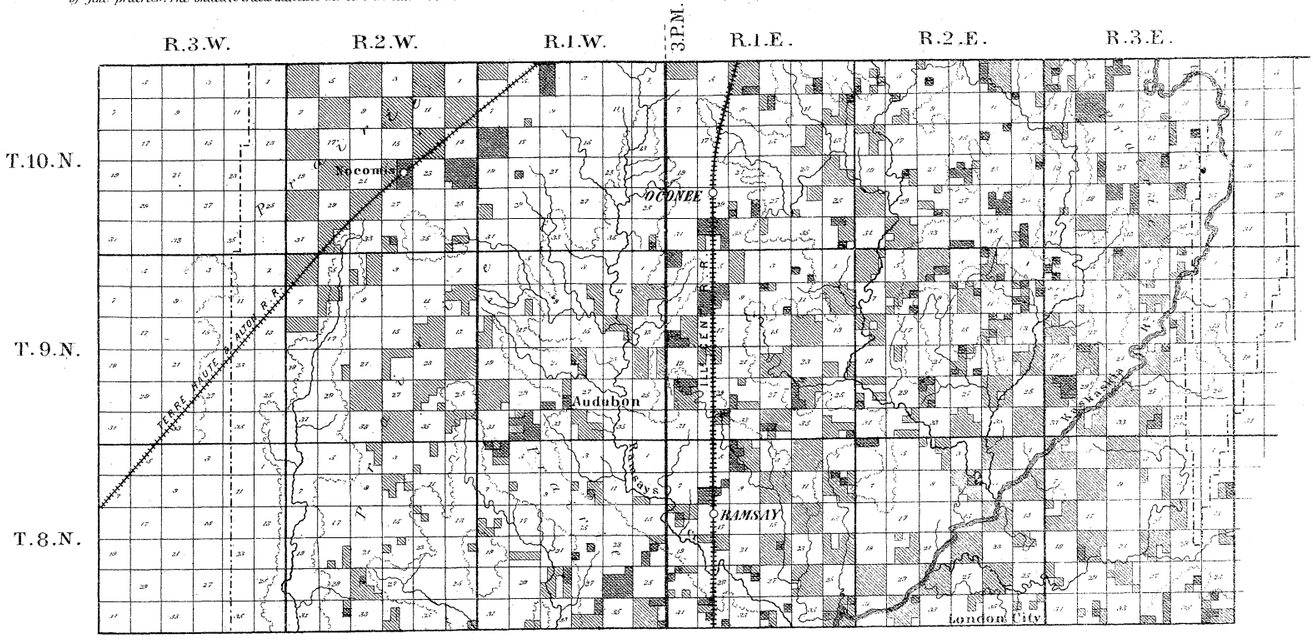
OCONEE and RAMSAY. Level and rolling prairie land interspersed with groves of timber and well watered. The Terre Haute and Alton Railroad intersects the Companys lands in the North West in the vicinity of fine prairies. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to April 1st 1857.



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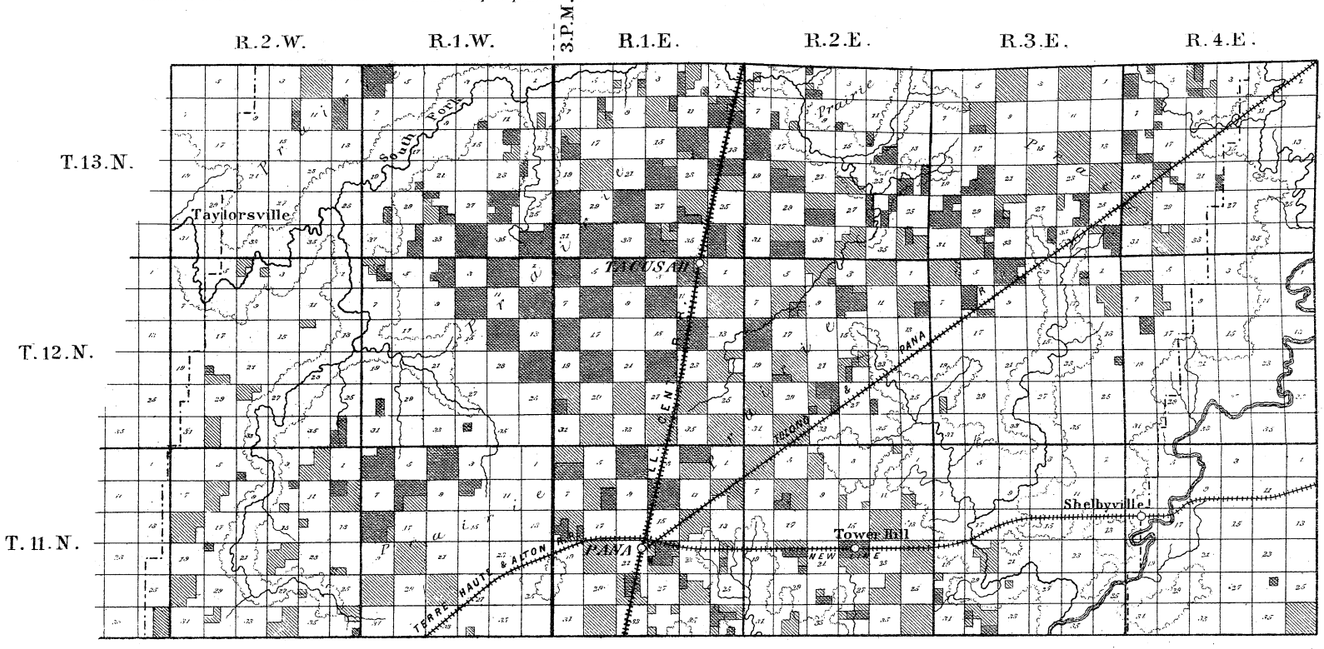
PANA . TACUSAH. Fine prairie Lands well supplied with timber along the edges of the streams. The Terre Haute and Alton Railroad passes through at Pana. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to April 1st 1857.



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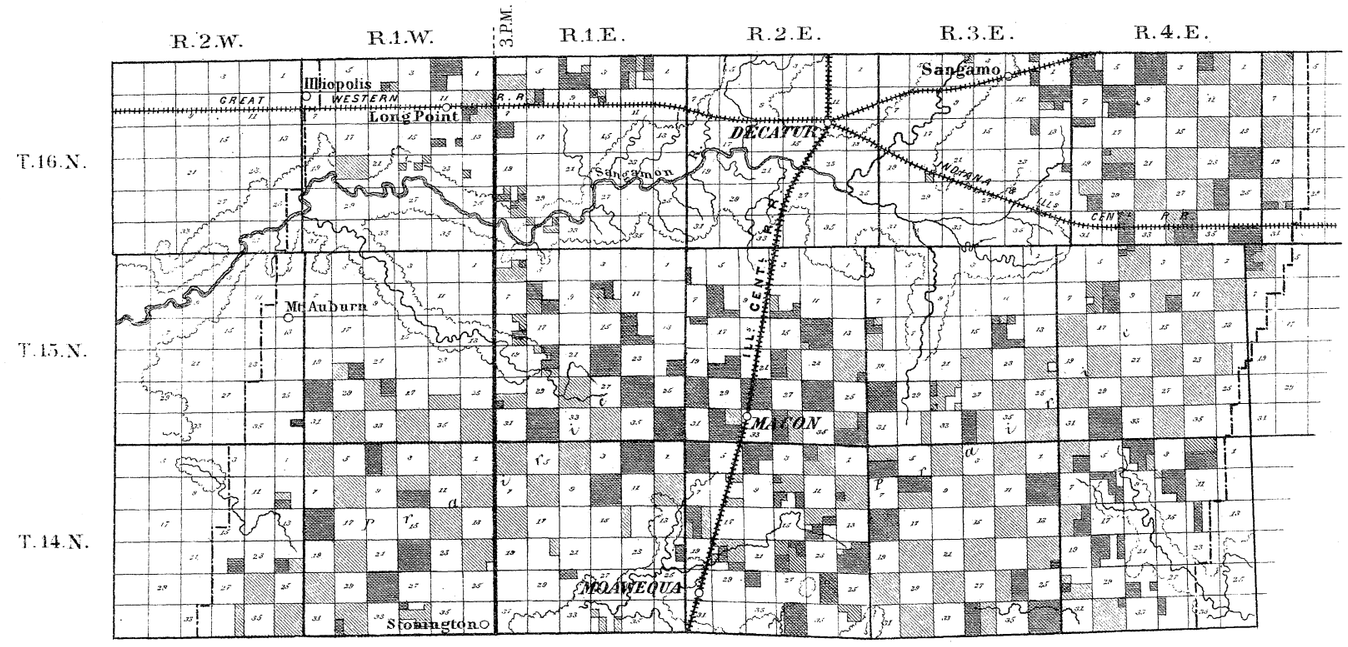
DECATUR, MACON, MOAWEQUA, STONINGTON, Mt. AUBURN. Rich prairie country well timbered. Decatur rapidly growing. The Illinois Central, Great Western and Indiana Central Railroads intersect here. Watered by the Sangamon River and branches. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to April 1st 1857.



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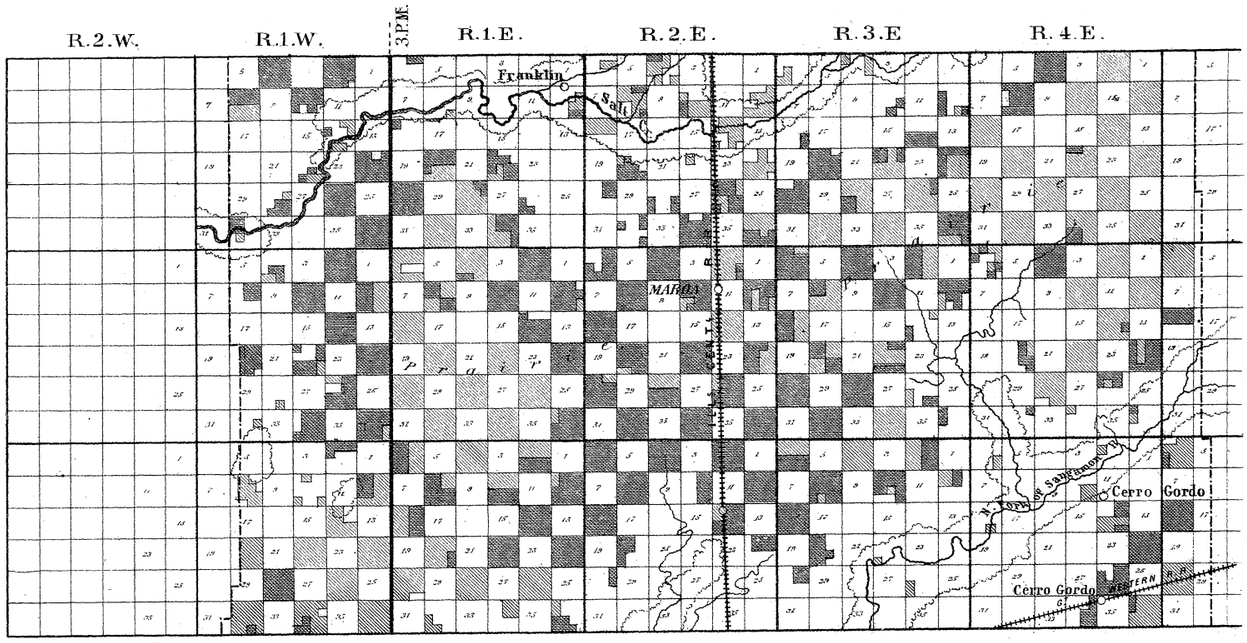
MAROA. Gently rolling, rich prairie lands well watered. Streams fringed with Hickory, Elm, Walnut and Paw Paw. A beautiful country highly adapted to agriculture. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to April 1st 1857.



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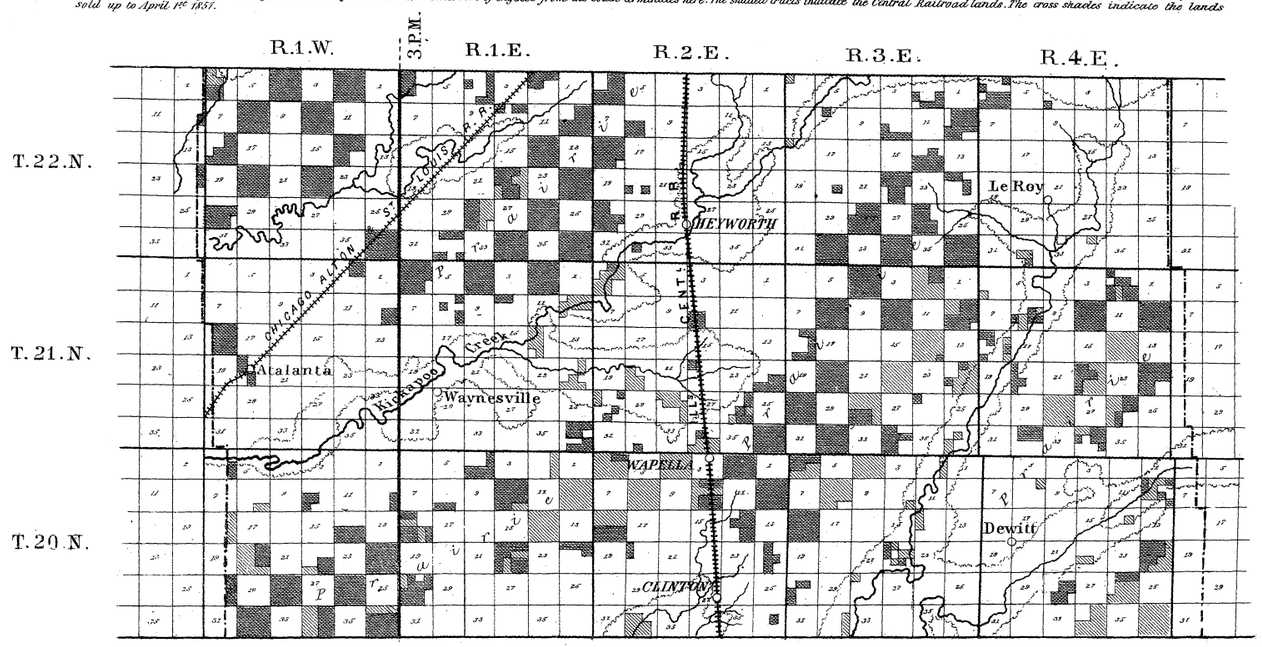
WAPELLAH, CLINTON, HEYWORTH. Rolling, rich prairie, well supplied with groves of timber, and well watered by Sugar Creek and the Kickapoo. At Wapellah the Company have a splendid brick Hotel, also an expensive Engine and Freight House. The second run of engines from the south terminates here. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to April 1st 1857.



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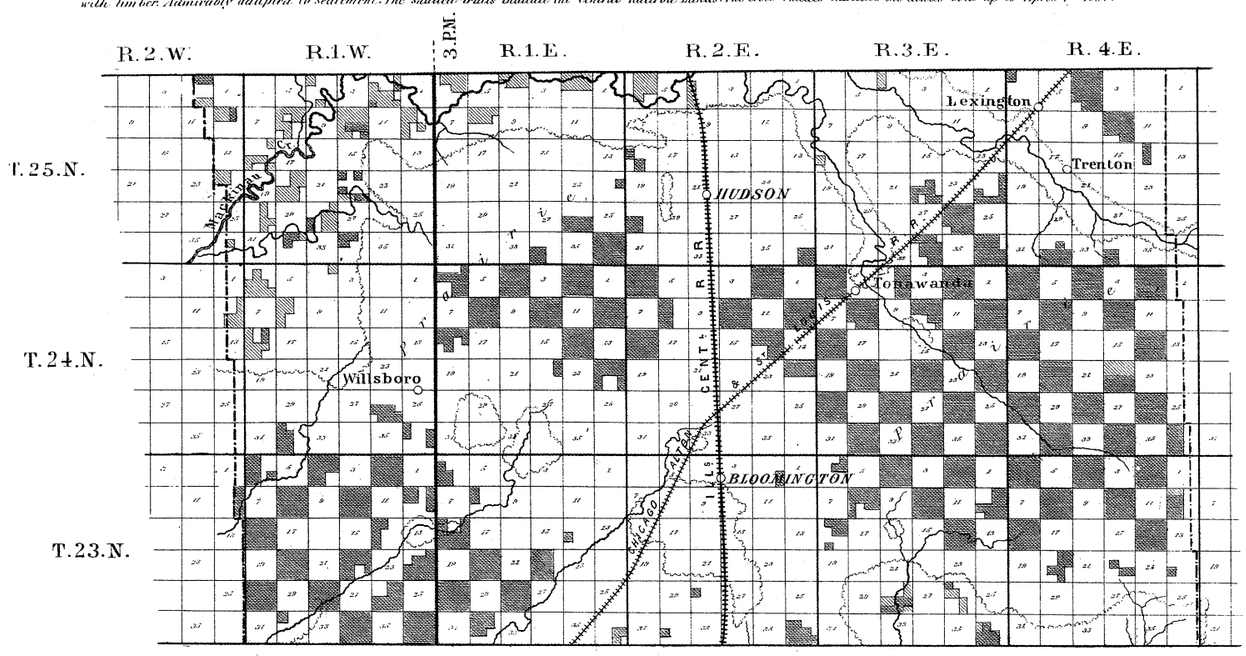
BLOOMINGTON. The County seat A beautiful fertile and rolling farming country, well populated by an industrious and wealthy class of citizens, and well watered and supplied with timber Admirably adapted to settlement. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to April 1st 1857.



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Lith. of Chas. C. Hand & Acorn, Boston.

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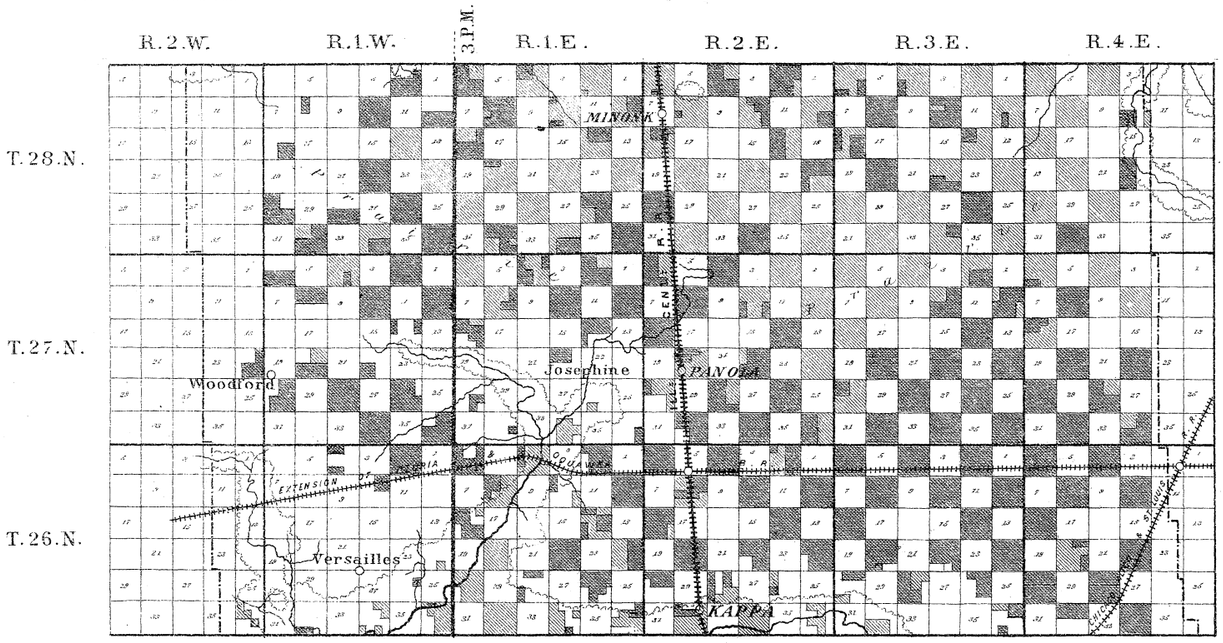
MINONK, PANOLA, KAPPA. Rich, rolling prairie land. Timber in groves on creeks. Well watered by Panther creek and other streams. The Peoria and Oquawka Railroad crosses south of Panola. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to April 1st 1857.



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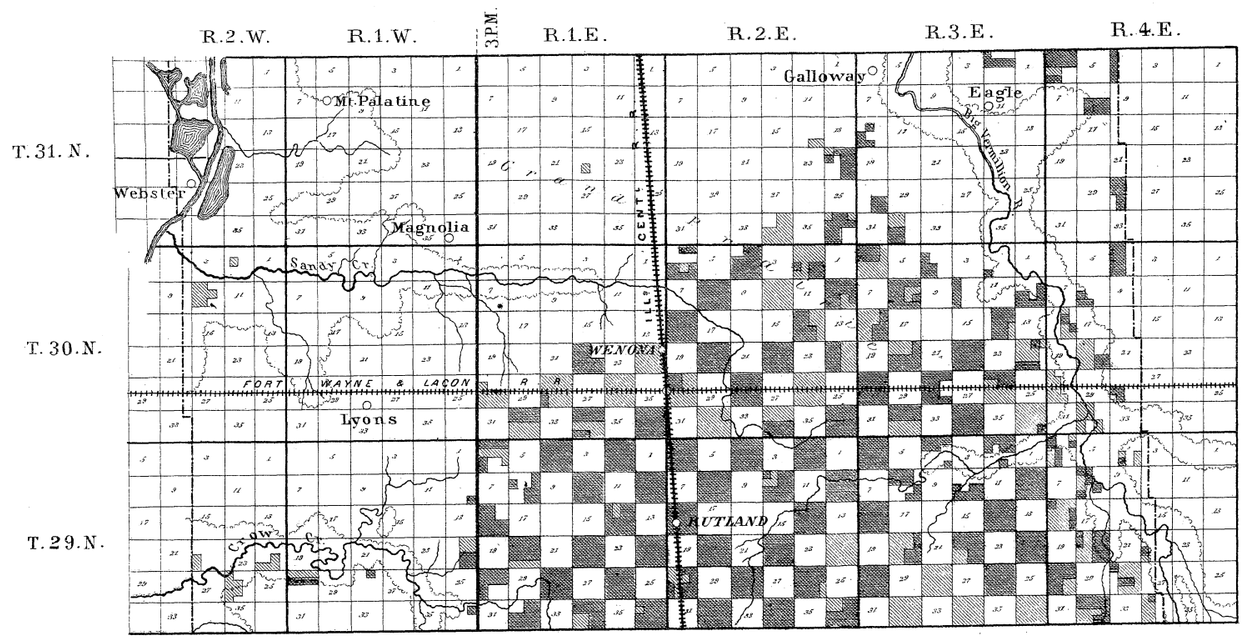
WENONA. Level and rolling prairie deep and rich soil, well adapted to cultivation and grazing, occasionally interspersed with timber and well watered. The Fort Wayne and Lacon Railroads intersect the Central Railroad at Wenona. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to April 1st 1857.



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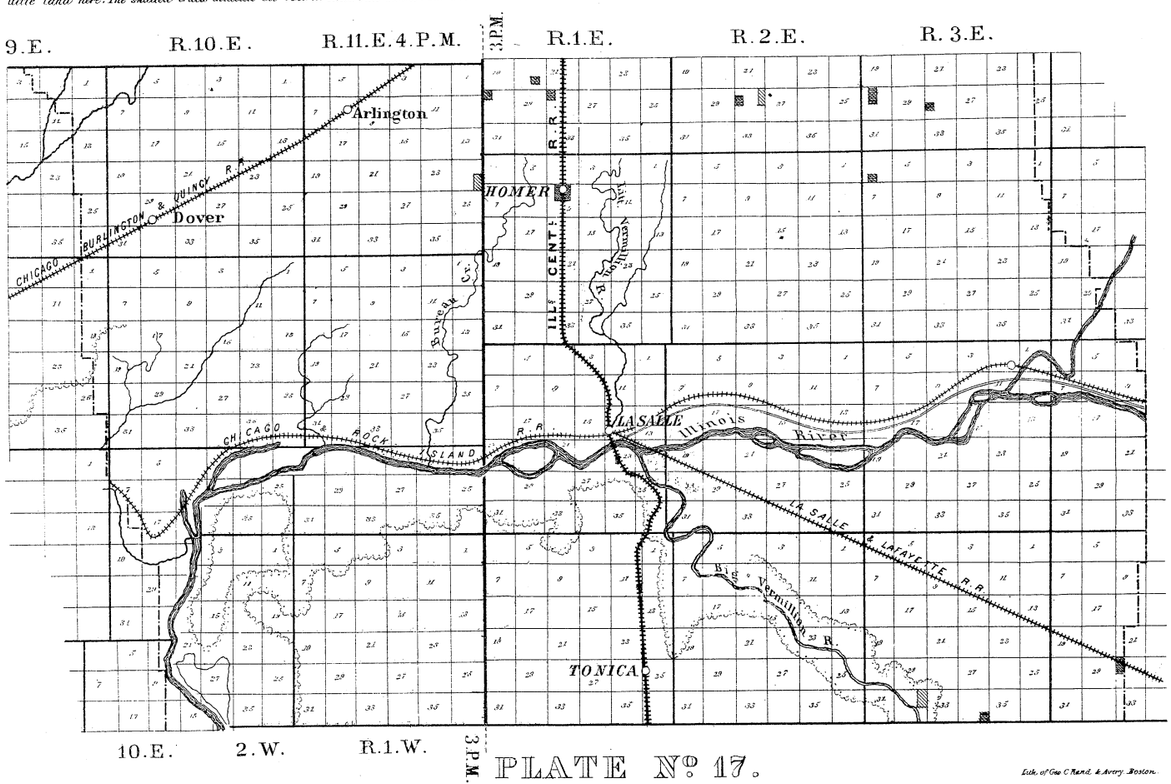
LA SALLE. Junction of Ills Central and Rock Island Railroads; also intersection of the Illinois and Michigan Canal, Chicago Burlington & Quincy Railroad through the North West. Watered by the Illinois and Big Vermillion Rivers. The great belt of Coal passing through the centre of the State is found extensively here and ranges a long distance, east and west. The Company have but little land here. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to April 1st 1857.



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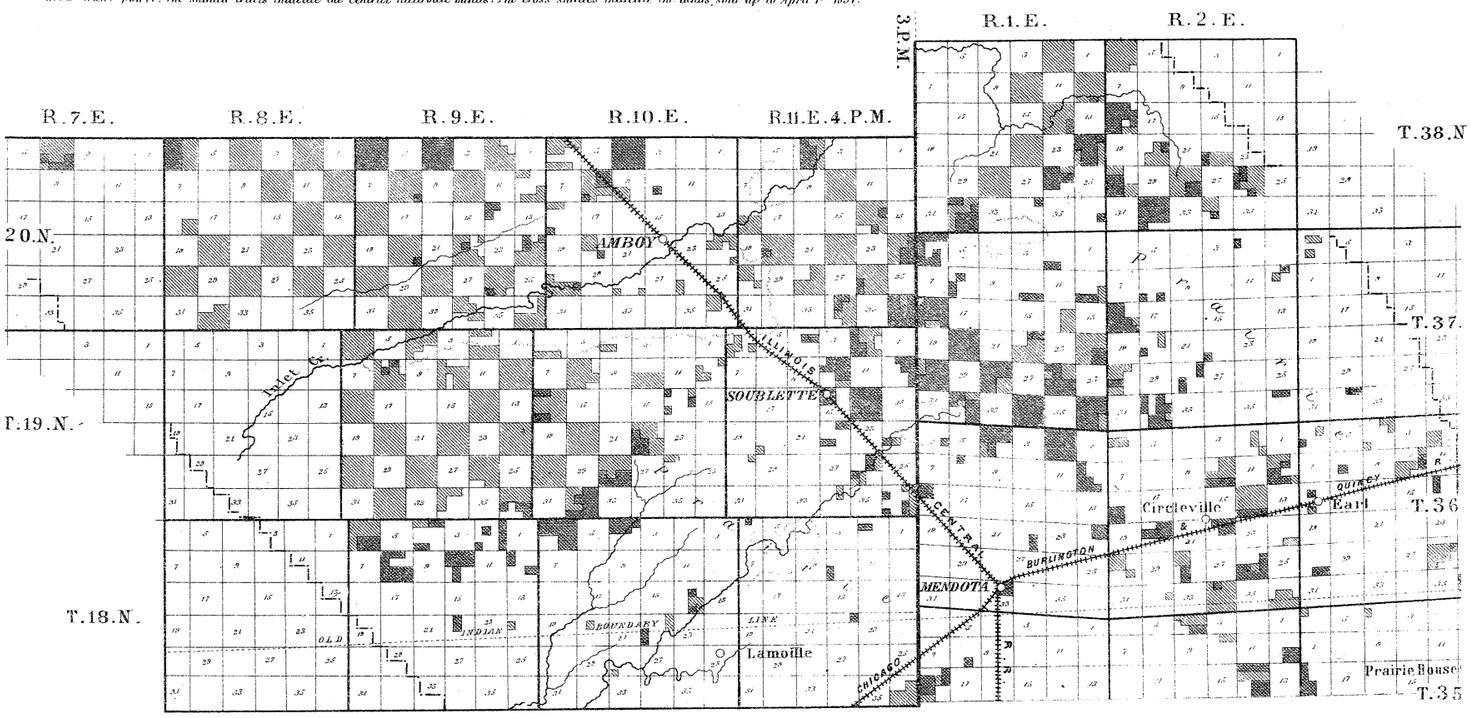
AMBOY. The Company have extensive work shops here. Town increasing rapidly MENDOTA. Junction of the Illinois Central & Chicago Burlington & Quincy Railroads. Country high, rolling farm land occasionally interspersed with timber. Good water power. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to April 1st 1857.



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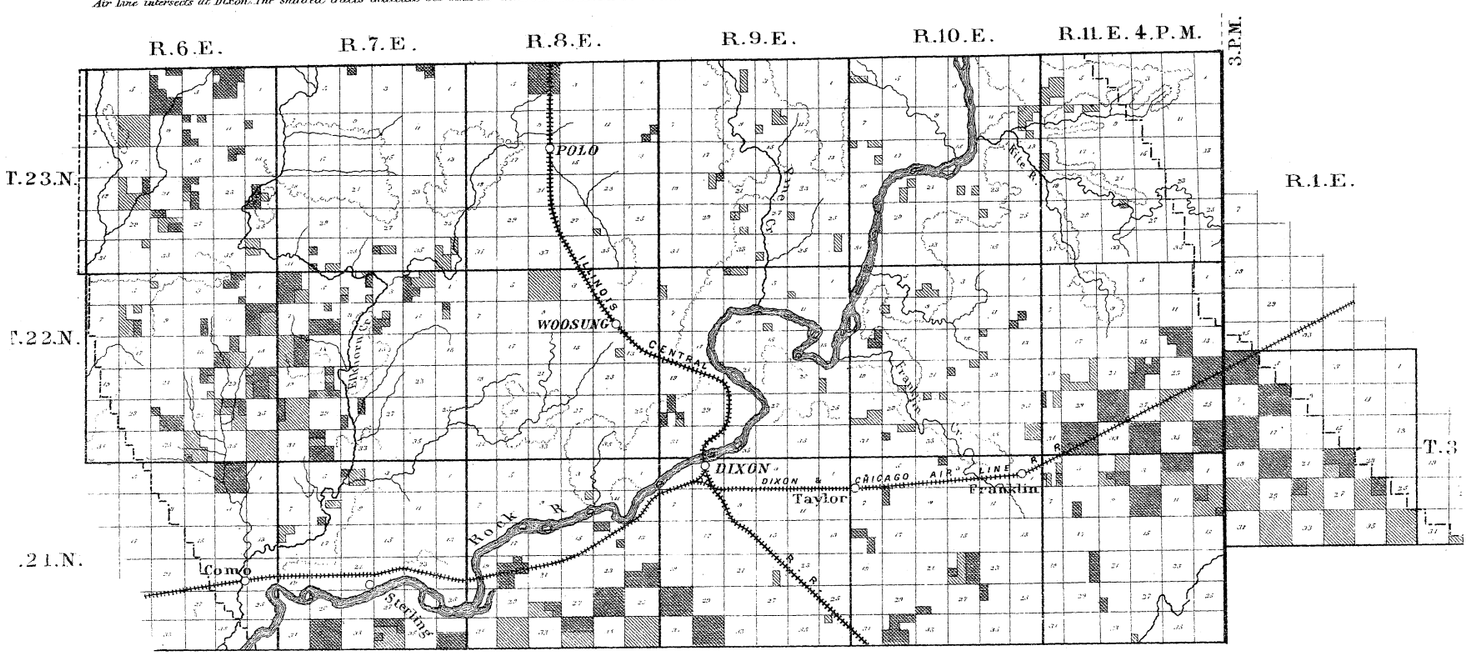
DIXON. A beautiful and rapidly improving town. Country well settled throughout and increasing in population. Excellent agricultural land, well watered by Rock River and branches. The Galena and Chicago Air Line intersects at Dixon. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to April 1st 1857.



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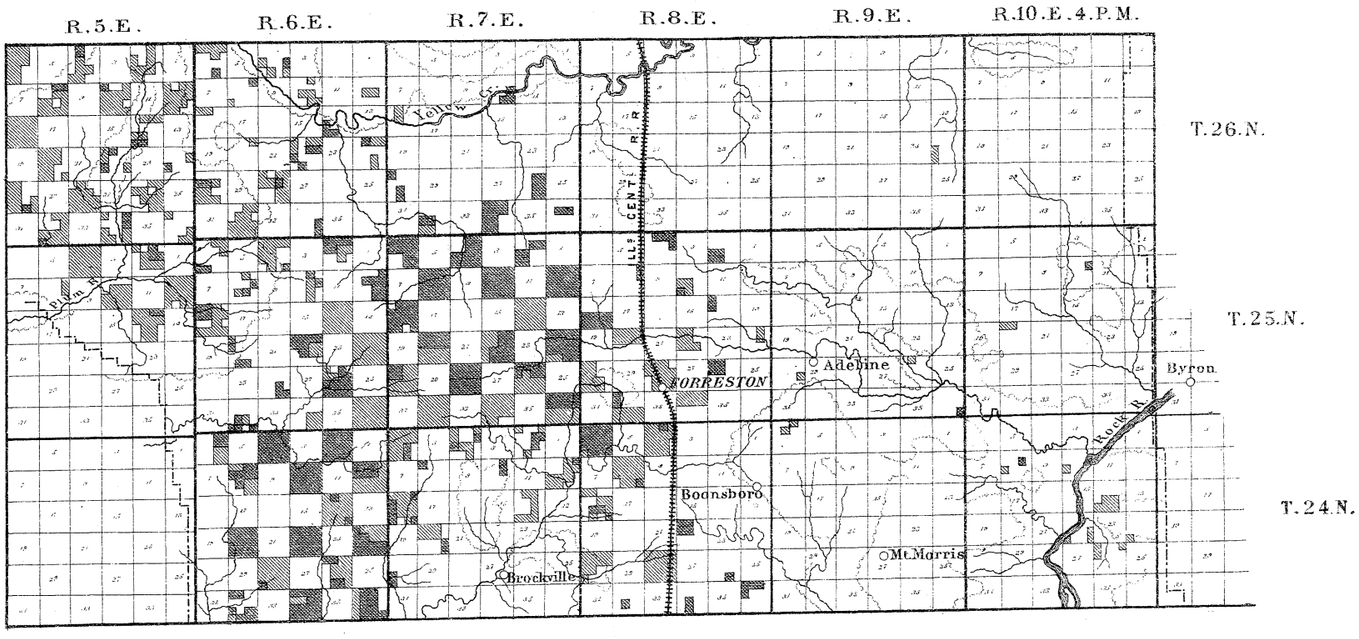
FORRESTON. High, dry and upland prairie, interspersed with timber, well watered and well adapted to cultivation. The Rock River passes through the south east part. The shaded tracts indicate the Illinois Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to April 1st 1857.



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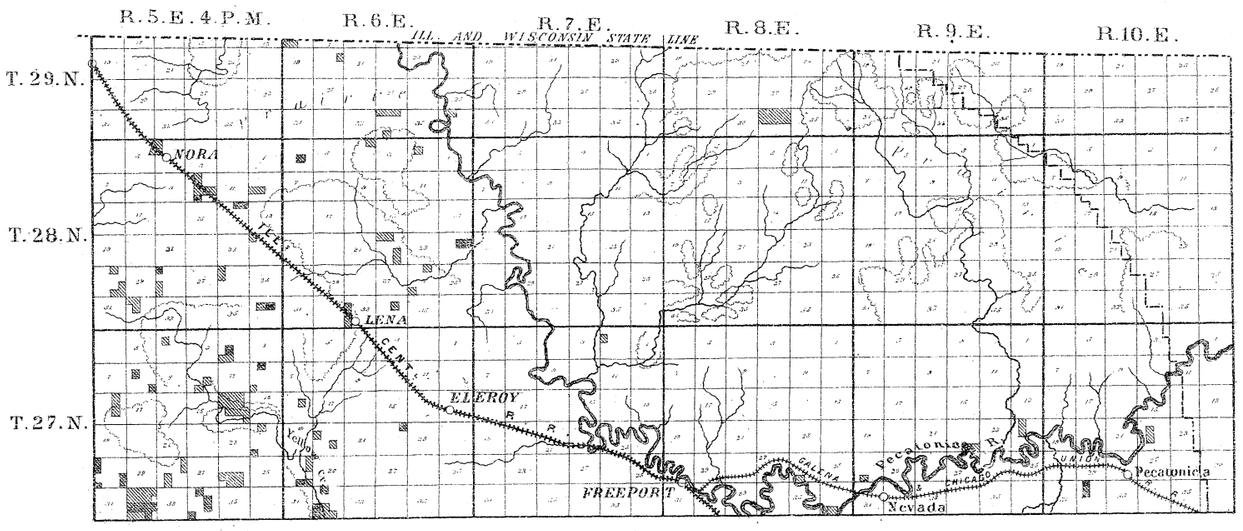
FREEPORT. A large and flourishing town surrounded with a magnificent country well settled. The Galena and Chicago Union Railroad intersects the Illinois Central at this point. Country well watered by the Pecatonica and tributaries LENA and NORA Stations in a beautiful country, the nucleus of villages. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to April 1st 1857.



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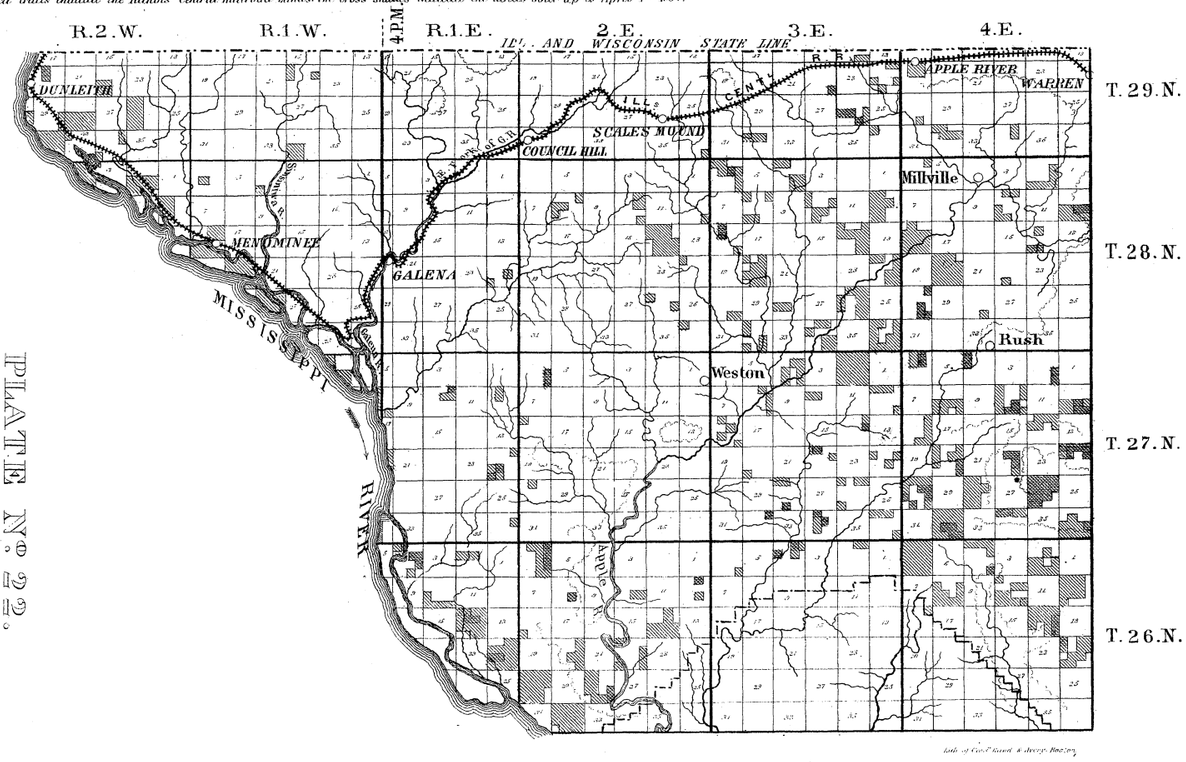
DUNLEITH. The northern terminus of the Railroad on the Mississippi, 300 miles below St Paul opposite Dubuque. Merchandize for the northern Mississippi and Iowa is shipped here. A fine Hotel located here. A rapidly growing country. GALENA. The centre of the Mineral Region. Fine agricultural soil throughout the section. Daily line of steamers leave Dunleith for St Paul. The shaded tracts indicate the Illinois Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to April 1st 1857.



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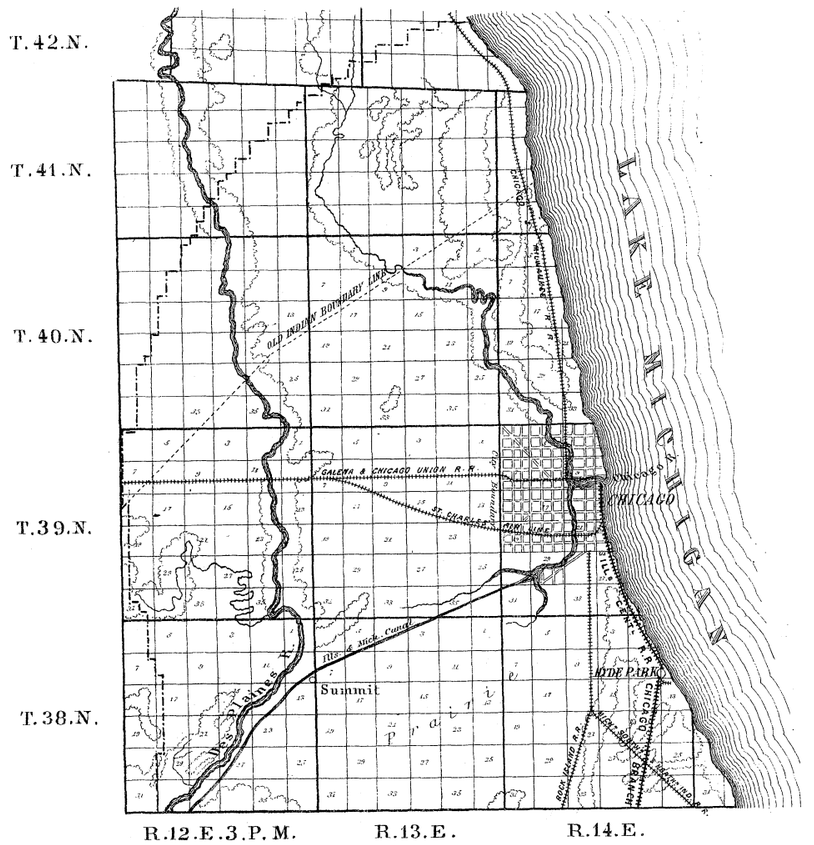

PLATE A.

Lith. of Geo. C. Laird & Avery, Boston.

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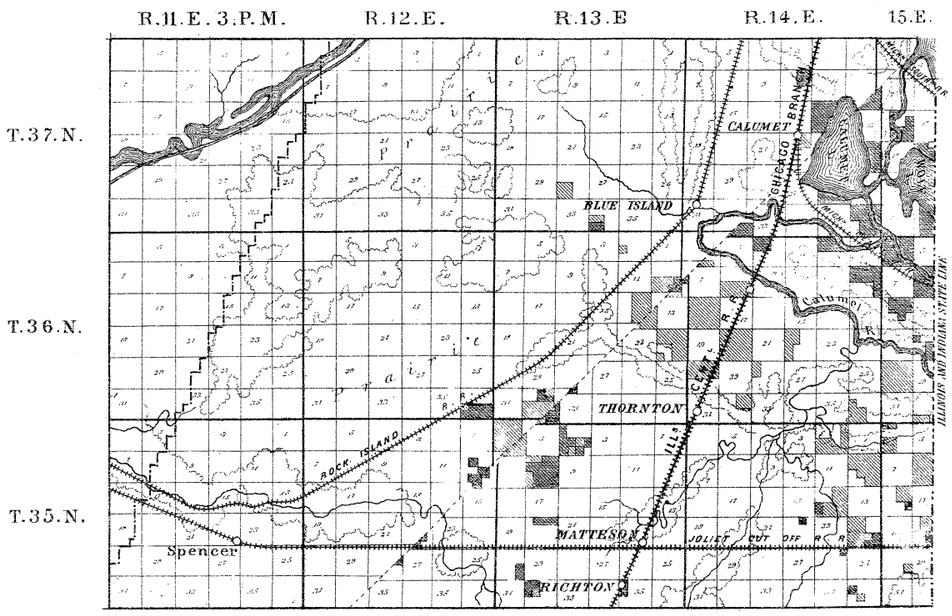
THORNTON. RICHTON. The land is level and rich. With ditching will be adapted to grazing and the supplying of Chicago with milk, vegetables and corn. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to April 1st 1857.



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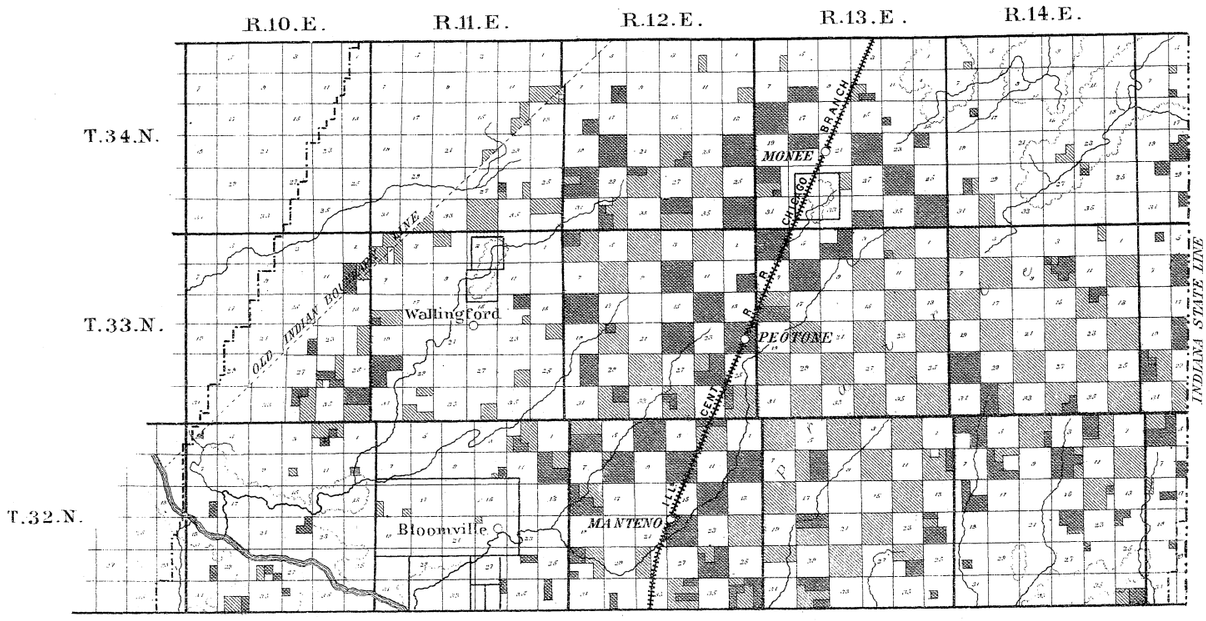
MONEE MANTENO. Splendid rolling prairie. Rich, deep, black soil well adapted to cultivation. Extremely valuable, owing to its vicinity to the Chicago market. A fine sulphur spring in township 32 R.10.E. A high mound in Section 22, T.33.N. 12.E.; also a high mound in Section 28, T.33.N.11E. The shaded tracts indicate the Illinois Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to April 1st 1857.



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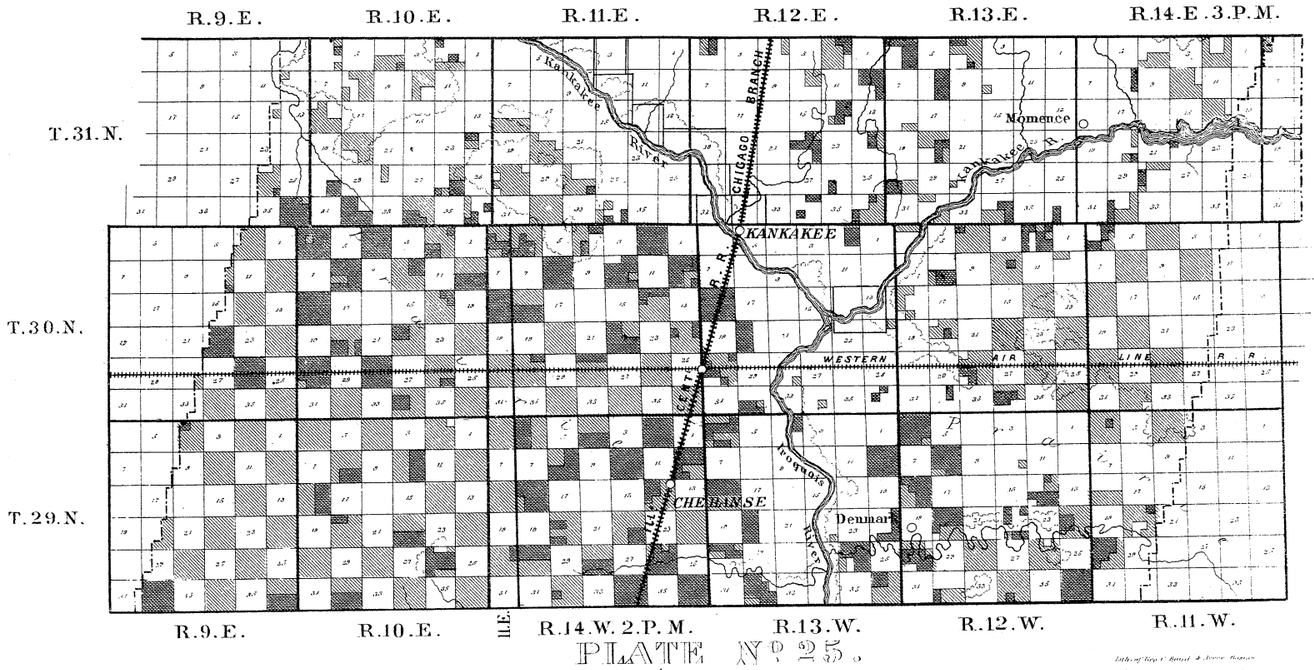
KANKAKEE. The County seat of Kankakee County near the junction of Iroquois and Kankakee Rivers. A beautiful prairie country, well watered and timbered; settled partially by an industrious French population. The new town at the Railroad Station has grown entirely since the completion of the Railroad. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to April 1st 1857.



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ASHKUM, OXARG. Rich, gentle rolling prairie well adapted to grazing. Streams well fringed with Ash, Elm, Oak &c. Fine living springs are numberously found pouring into the Iroquois River. A high mound in Section 12, T. 28. R. 13.
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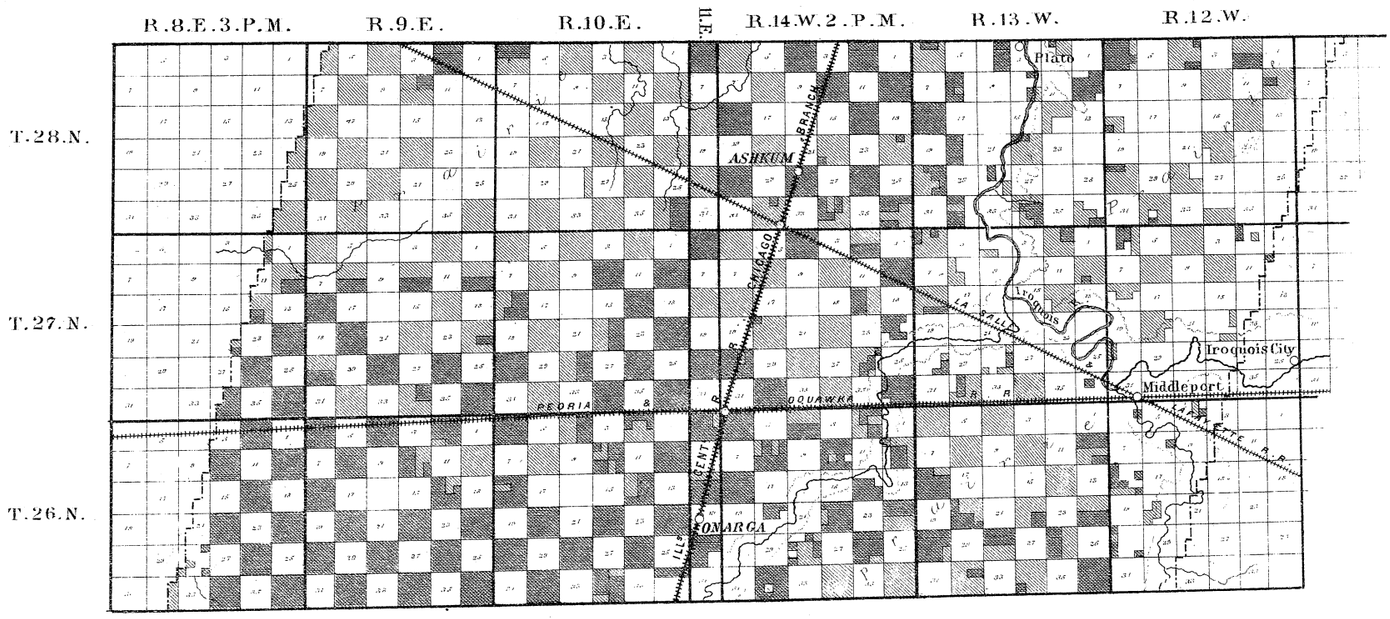

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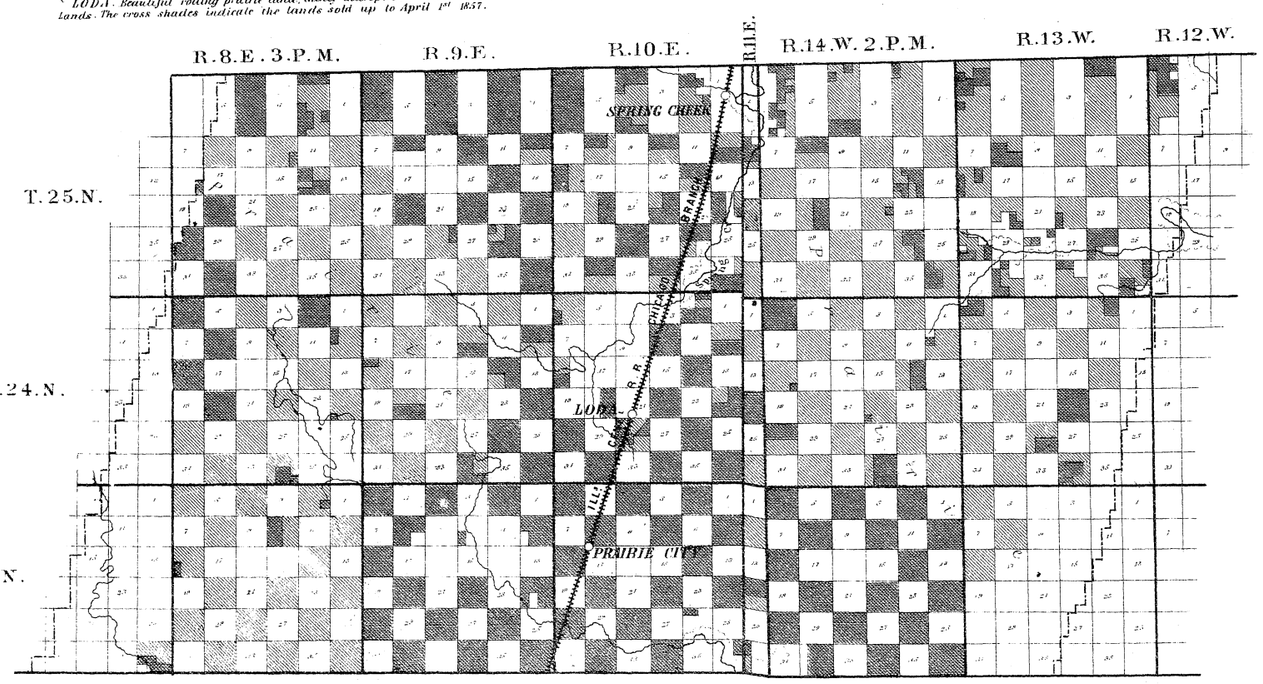
LODA. Beautiful rolling prairie land, thinly interspersed with timber well adapted to grazing and cultivation Watered by a number of streams. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to April 1st 1857.



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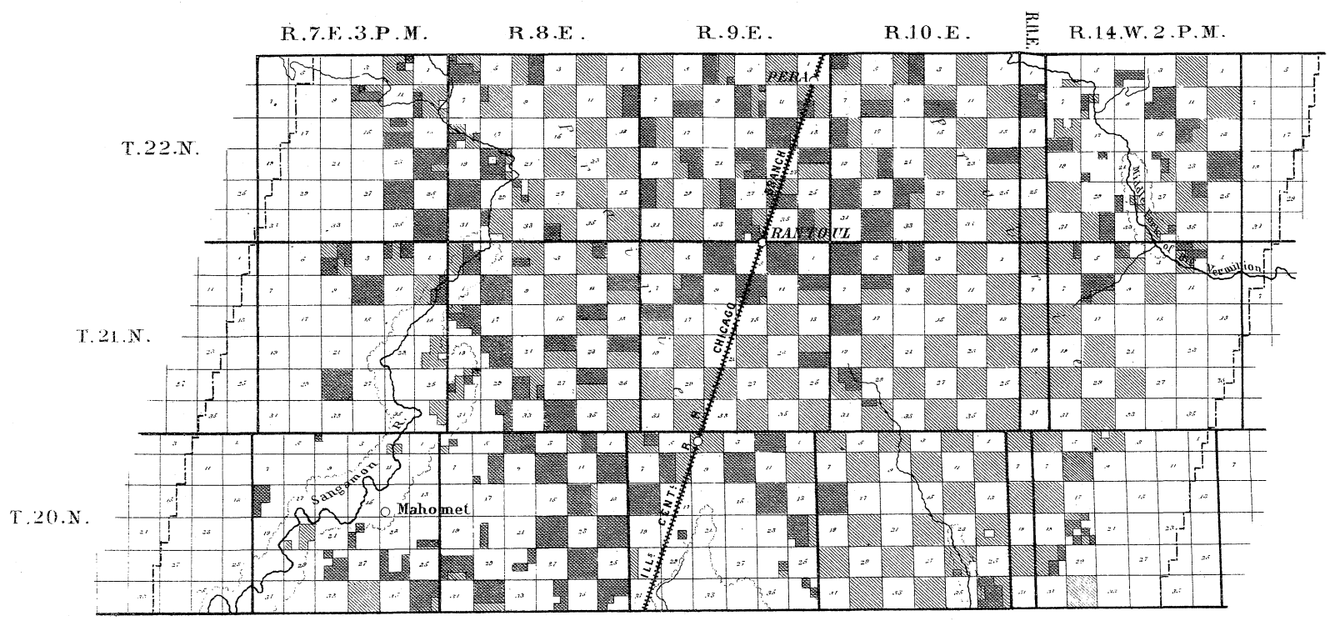
RANTOUL. Vast prairie highly adapted to grazing and raising stock. PERA a beautiful location for a town. Land high and rolling, and watered by the Big Vermillion and Sangamon Rivers. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to April 1st 1857.



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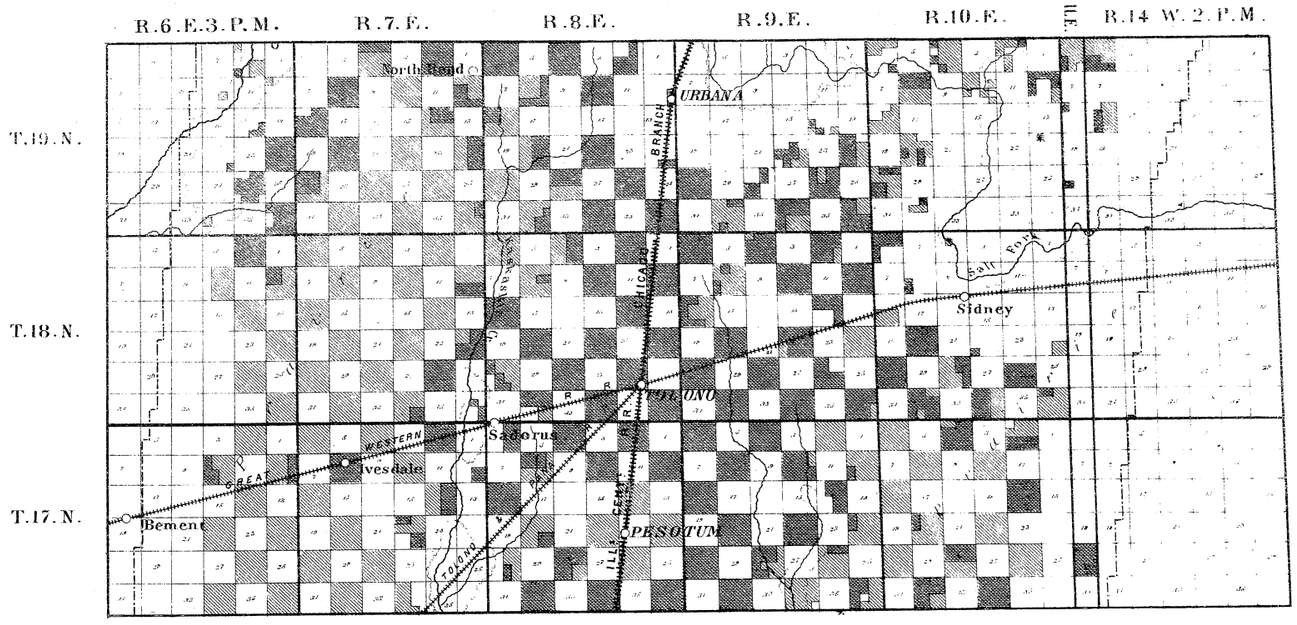
URBANA. A flourishing town, rapidly growing. Extensive repair, engine and machine shops, well built of brick, are located here. The Great Western Railroad crosses at TOLONO and will bring into the Illinois Central coal from the Danville coal fields at a reasonable price for consumption on the line of road. The whole country is in the highest degree fertile and well wooded. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to April 1st 1857.



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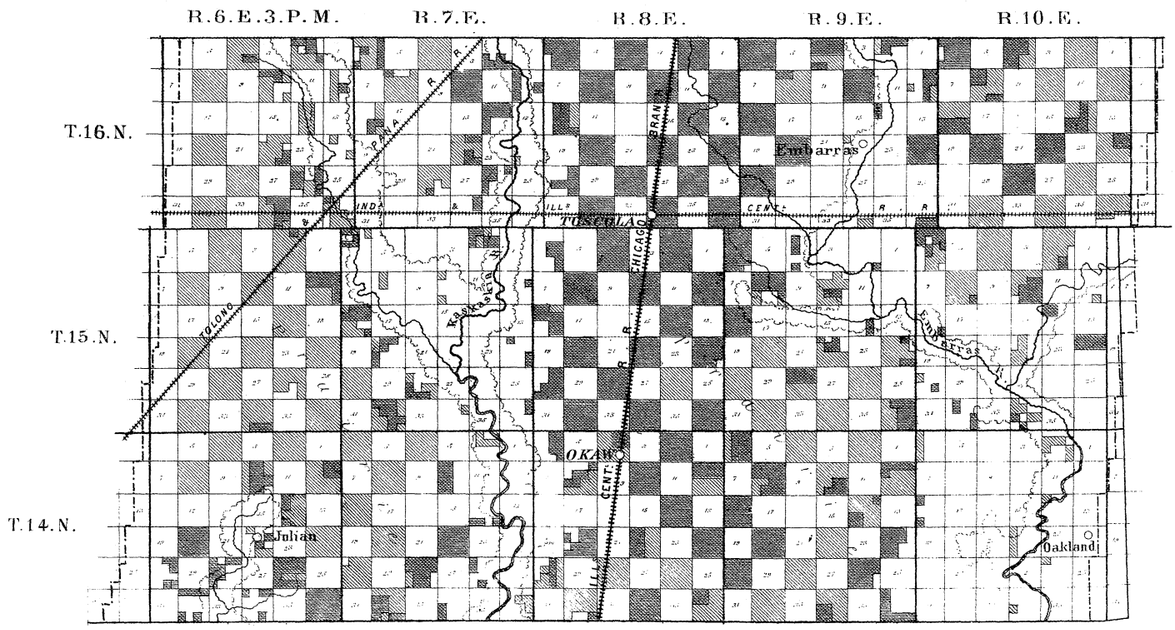
OKAW. Rich, rolling prairie. The Indiana and Illinois Railroad crosses at **TUSCOLA**. *Country well watered by the Kaskaskia and branches. Streams fringed with timber. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to April 1st 1857.*



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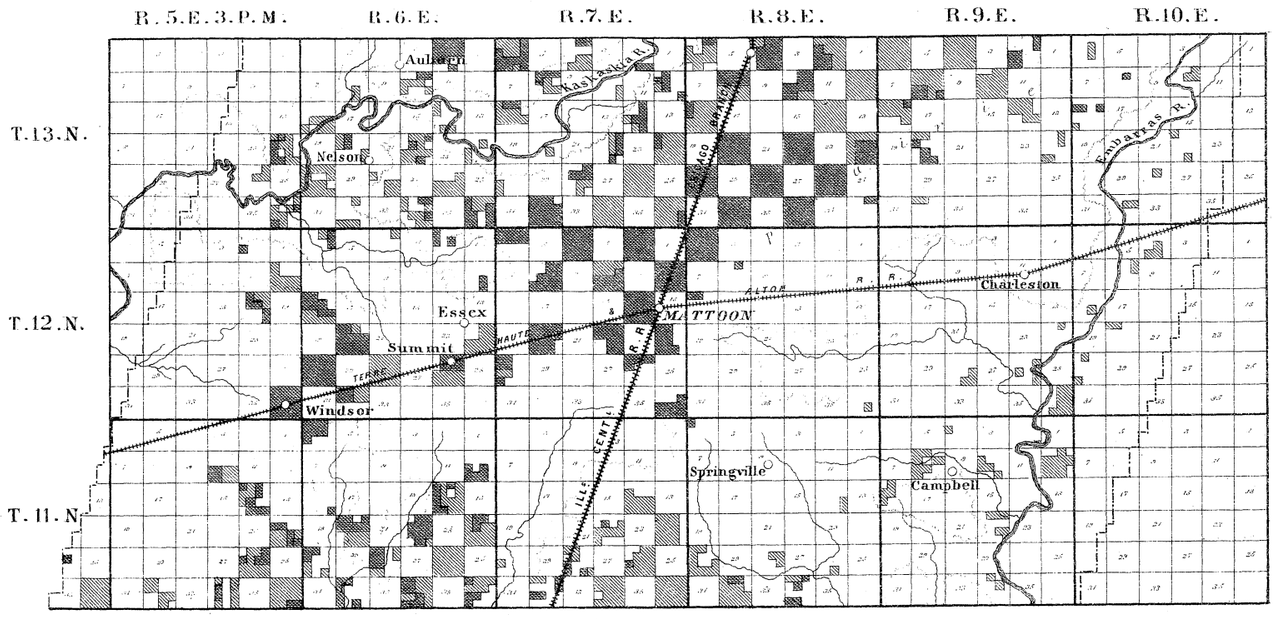
MATTOON. Prairie and wood land rich and fertile. The Terre Haute and Alton Railroad intersects at Mattoon. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to April 1st 1857.



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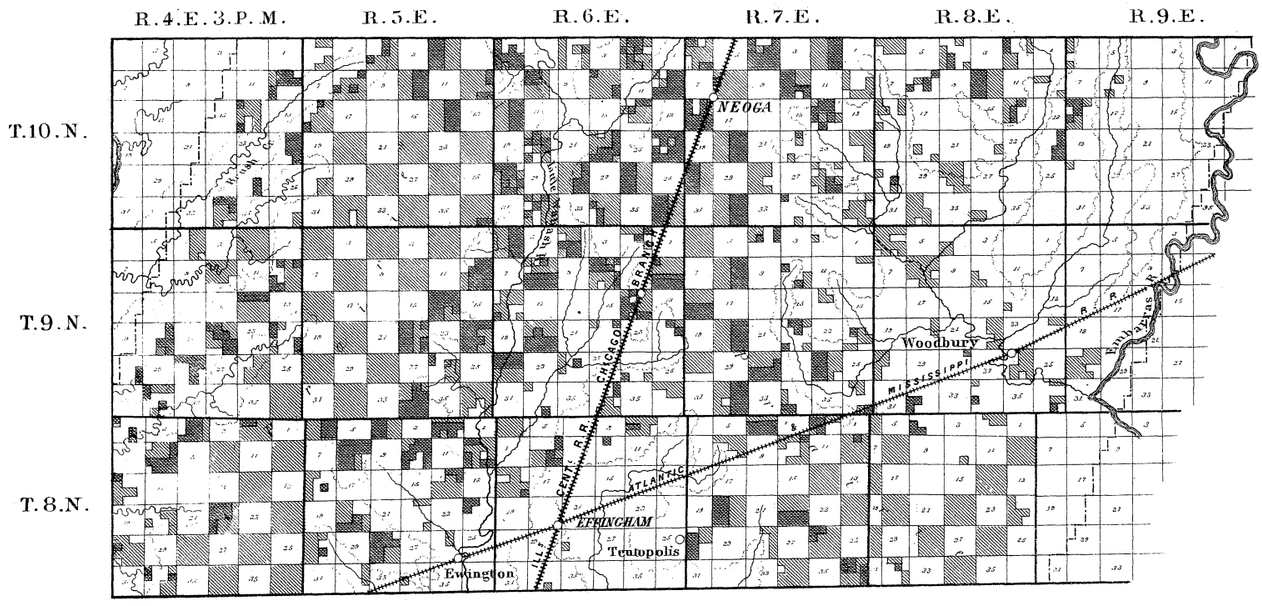
EFFINGHAM, NEOGA. Rolling rich prairie well supplied with streams and fine groves of timber. An excellent farming country. The National Road passes through Effingham. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to April 1st 1857.



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